

LOCAL NEWS.

WASHINGTON AND ALEXANDRIA R. R.—In the Circuit Court of this county, Judge Thomas pre-riding, yesterday, the case of the Alexandria and Washington R. R. Co. vs. the Washington, Alexandria and Georgetown Railroad Company, Joseph B. Stewart, et al., came up on the demurrer of defendants to bill of complainants, and was argued by J. J. Brent and A. B. Magruder for the defence, and Geo. W. Brent for the complainants, and after hearing the arguments the Court overruled the demurrer, and the case now stands ready for a hearing.

This is a case instituted some time in the Spring of this year, and is another of those cases in which possession of that seemingly much to be coveted Railroad between this city and Washington is sought. There has been at this term of the Court a case strongly contested, in which the defendants in this suit were complainants, to annul a contract with Messrs. Stevens and Phelps, but the decision of the Court has not yet been rendered.

The Alexandria and Washington Railroad Company allege in their bill of complaint that there was fraud in the sale and transfer of said road by J. B. Stewart, trustee, and by Alexander Hay, who became the purchaser at that sale, and ask the Court to set it aside, and declare it a nullity. On the overruling of the demurrer the defendants moved the court for a continuance until the next term, which motion will be argued to day.

Circuit Court—Judge H. W. Thomas.—Wednesday.—COMMON LAW CAUSES.—J. J. Brent, of Baltimore, qualified as an attorney. Henry Brown's adm'r. vs. Hugh Smith's ex'r.—In case; same vs. same—in case—the defendant's demurrers to the plaintiff's evidence in these causes being argued, and the Court being of the opinion that said evidence is not sufficient to maintain the issue joined for the plaintiff, it is considered that the plaintiff pay to the defendants their costs in their defence in these causes expended.

CHANCERY CAUSES.—Washington and Alexandria Railroad Company vs. Washington, Alexandria and Georgetown Railroad Company, et al.—demurrer of defendants overruled. Abbott & Noble vs. Thomas Kell, surviving, et al.—in chancery—this cause was referred to W. C. Yeaton, Commissioner in Chancery.

Wm. F. Carne, guardian, vs. Mary Ann Ryan, et al.—in chancery—a final decree was made in this cause.

Court adjourned till ten o'clock to-day.

LECTURE BEFORE THE Y. M. C. A. S.—O. P. BALDWIN, esq., who lectures in Liberty Hall to-night, for the benefit of the Orphan Asylum, will lecture before the Alexandria Christian Association on to-morrow night, (Friday) at 7 o'clock, in the same hall. The subject of his lecture will be announced to-morrow, and will be published in the city papers on to-morrow. The well known reputation of this gentleman, as the *Harmonist of Virginia* should secure for him a marked expression of the patronage of this community, in the way of full houses at both lectures, and, moreover, the claims of the two objects, for whose benefit he lectures, are by no means secondary in this city, and should be fairly and fully appreciated by the friends of the same.

ALEXANDRIA AND WASHINGTON RAILROAD VS. THE WASHINGTON AND ALEXANDRIA TURNPIKE.—The officers of the Washington and Alexandria Turnpike Company, we understand, proceeded, pursuant to notice, to pull up the track of the Washington and Alexandria Railroad, which, it is alleged, infringes upon their rights as the chartered party, by both Congress and the Legislature, on the 3d instant, near the canal basin, where the railroad crosses the turnpike, but being met by a superior force on the part of the Railroad, they were necessarily prevented from accomplishing their purpose, and will therefore have to resort to the courts of law for a final settlement of the question.

RAILROAD CONNECTION.—Superintendent Vandegrift, of the Orange and Alexandria Railroad, is now, we are informed, in Lynchburg, in consultation with the managers of some of the roads farther South, for the purpose of effecting an arrangement by which there shall be through railroad connections between New York and New Orleans. We also learn that, in consequence of the rapidly increasing travel between the North and South two passenger trains daily, in a short time, be running over the route.

SWANS.—On Tuesday morning, during the storm, a flock of swans, came hovering over the Light Boat at Upper Cedar Point, on the Potomac. Two of them actually landed on the deck of the boat, and were summarily killed by the crew, with hand-spikes. The remainder with loud cries flew off. Captain Treacle had the spoils.

OUR DELEGATES.—The names of the delegates to the Virginia Legislature now in session, from this city, appear as members of the following standing Committees of the House—Mr. Robertson, on Schools and Colleges, Finance and the Library; Mr. English, on Roads and Internal Navigation, Labor and the Poor, and Manufactures.

BRIDGE OVER GOOSE CREEK.—Chief Engineer, Blythe, of the Loudoun and Hampshire Railroad, has been engaged for some weeks past, in erecting the railroad bridge over Goose Creek, on that road, which was destroyed during the war. It is thought the work will be completed during this month, so that trains can pass over it.

GOVERNMENT WOOD.—Though one hundred cords of the wood now rotting, at the Government wood yard, in this city, was promised to the Mayor, some weeks since, to be distributed to the poor of the Corporation, no order for its delivery has as yet been received from the Department at Washington.

DISTURBANCE.—A disturbance took place last night about half-past ten o'clock, in the restaurant of L. Maenell, upper end of King street, in which, however, though a great noise was created, no serious damage was sustained by any of the participants. There were no arrests.

CONCLUDED.—The Committee of the City Council, to whom was referred, the consideration of the charges preferred by the Mayor against Captain Walsh, concluded their labors last night, when all the evidence had been furnished, and will make their report at the next meeting of the Council.

RAINBOW.—A remarkably bright and brilliant rainbow, was visible this morning about half past nine o'clock, spanning the Heavens, from Northeast to Southwest, apparently about five or six degrees west of the Sun. It attracted considerable attention and was much admired.

LEONARD'S CONDITION.—We are informed by those who have seen young Leonard, who was shot and severely wounded on last Sunday night, that he is in a fair way toward ultimate recovery, and that he expresses a desire that no criminal prosecution be instituted against John Cooney, who inflicted the injury.

ORPHAN ASYLUM LECTURE.—Oliver P. Baldwin Esq., will deliver a Lecture to night at Liberty Hall, for the benefit of the Orphan Asylum of this city. All who go will be amply rewarded by the enjoyment they will experience—besides, the Orphans will be benefited.

WASHINGTON FERRY.—The steamer *Mariner* has been put on the ferry between this city and Washington in the place of the *Winnisimmet*, removed for repairs, and we have now hourly communication by means of the river between the two cities.

SOUP HOUSE.—The Mayor is making the necessary arrangements for the speedy opening of the Soup House, from which the poor and destitute of the city, black as well as white, can be supplied with nourishment during the approaching cold weather.

CONCERT.—The concert last night at the Third Baptist Church, corner of Princess and Patrick streets, was a great success—the house being well filled, and the music excellent. It is intended to repeat the entertainment next Monday night.

ROBBERY.—The counting room of the plaster mill of Col. W. Keith Armistead, was broken into on Tuesday night last, by a negro named Jacob King, and robbed of a lot of clothing.

THANKS.—Our thanks are due to Mr. Samuel Stout, of Adams' Express Company, for a copy, in pamphlet form, of Governor Peirpoint's Annual Message.

DANCING ACADEMY.—It will be seen by reference to an advertisement in another column that Professor J. Osborn is to commence a dancing school in this city.

POLICE REPORT—MAYOR'S OFFICE.—There were no cases worth reporting this morning. **MAGISTRATES' OFFICE.**—Reuben Fairfax, a negro boy about fifteen years of age, arrested by officers Burnett and Eddins, charged with stealing a four barreled Sharp's pistol, from a negro named Israel Gibson, was committed to jail to await an examination by the court.

Edward Tyler, negro boy arrested for complicity in the above theft, was committed to jail to await examination by the court.

Thomas Williams, was arrested upon complaint of Silas Devers, of Fairfax county, who states that whilst he was on his way home last Tuesday, in company with a friend, Williams, with whom he had had a difficulty before, met him on the road, and demanded a private interview, which was declined unless he disarmed himself. Williams decided being armed. He then proposed that his friend should search both parties, when Williams drew a revolver, stating that he always carried it, and that he would give him—Devers—its contents for much. He was bound over in the sum of \$100 security for his good behaviour for one year.

WASHINGTON AMUSEMENTS—WALL'S OPERA HOUSE.—This fashionable place of amusement was again crowded last night to witness *Griffith Gaunt*, and it seemed to give greater satisfaction than upon its first representation. The acting of Miss Estline and Mr. Mortimer, was especially fine, and in fact we may say all was good, without an exception. The piece is a farce, and its moral good, with all its characters well drawn, and each distinct from the other. It is a dramatization by Mr. Charles Reed from the book of the same name by Dales.

RISTORI.—To-night Mad. Ristori impersonated *Elizabeth, Queen of England*, to which character she is said to be unapproachable, and a crowd of home-seekers anticipated. Last night the *"Streets of New York"* was produced at the National Theatre, in order that Mad. R. should have one night of rest.

MANSION HOUSE ARRIVALS, Dec. 6th.—A. W. McDonald, Clark county; C. C. Dulany, Wm. Johnson, Prince William county; James H. Vandever, Leeburg; John Osborn, Loudoun county; J. T. Daniel, Rappahannock county; L. C. Silcott, Fauquier county; H. B. Heuson, Louisa county; C. W. Hatcher, and lady, Loudoun county; W. English, Culpeper County; E. P. Williams, Philadelphia; E. J. Armstrong, Bridgewater; J. H. Maddux, Leesburg; Mr. Tiffany, Mexico; D. T. Wright, W. W. Wright, Goodland; Charles E. Jones, Richmond city; Col. Chas. Douglas, Loudoun county.

MARINE LIST.

PORT OF ALEXANDRIA—DEC. 6.

ARRIVED.

Steamer Express, Ryther, Baltimore, to J. Brothers & Co.

Steamer W. Thoset, Cadiz, Curianman, to Hoce & Wedderburn.

Steamer Thoset, E. Cahill, Norris, Baltimore, to B. Wheat.

SAILED.

Steamship Geo. H. Stout, Ford, New York, by M. Eldridge & Co.

Steamer Philadelphia, Walst, Philadelphia, by M. Eldridge & Co.

Scho. L. M. Warren, Fairport, Providence, corn by M. Eldridge & Co.

NO. 1 MINE MEAT.

All kinds of Fancy and Plain CRACKERS, NUTS, &c., of all descriptions, for sale by

F. RECKER, de 6-2w Corner King and St. A. sph sts.

COUDRAY'S GENUINE FRENCH POTATOES.—Superior English Hair, Tooth and Nail Brushes; Genuine Buffalo, Goat Combs; Lubin's Extracts, Phalon's Night Blooming Cereus, and Penny's New Extract of the Egyptian Lotus, just received and for sale by

JANNEY & CO., de 6-6w Druggists, 145 King st.

SAGE.—Just received a large supply of Fresh Sage, in bulk; also, Thyme, Summer Savory and Sweet Marjoram.

JANNEY & CO., de 6-6w Druggists, 145 King st.

TRAIN OIL, NEATSFOOT OIL, FINE MACHINE OIL, and Lined Oil, for sale by

JANNEY & CO., de 6-6w Druggists, 145 King st.

VIVE TENNESSON!—If the following, from the Charlottesville Chronicle, isn't a "first-rate notice," we know not what is one: "After all there is something in a name—even under a varied orthography. Happening to be in Alexandria lately, hurried and hungry, and post prandial as far as the *Mansion House* was concerned, we were attracted by a sign immediately opposite (corner of Cameron and Fairfax streets) which announced the just then interesting fact that *S. Tenneson* kept the *Exchange Saloon*. Entering we were greeted by a jolly host, whose genial smile assured us of a hearty welcome, whilst his active steps and robust frame were ample guarantees that neither dyspepsia nor headache lurked in his lair, and his liquors—evidently an honest host, one who could deal fairly by all his guests and give

"To each his perfect pint of stout, His proper chop to each."

Our modest order for a mess of oysters on a chafing dish was promptly filled—and as O'Hou says in *La Bayadere* "still dwell upon our soul a longing remembrance of that delicious repast." Large and luscious were the bivalves—sweet and pure the butter—crisp and cool the celery—and all displayed with a bounteous hand which contrasted pleasantly with the scant provision of ordinary eating houses whose proprietors, perverting the axiom of free trade, have learned to give the smallest quantity at the largest price.

Under the benign influence of these pleasant views,

"Looking at all things as they are, But through a kind of glory,"

we ventured to ask Mr. Tenneson if he was "anything" (as Tom Burke would say) to the Post-Laureate. "The same blood," was his reply. "And the same flesh certainly," was our rejoinder. "And now that we think of it, he must have reference to you when in *Will Waterbury's* Lyrical Monologue he says,

"For I am of a numerous house, With many kinsmen gay, Where long and largely we carouse, As who shall say me nay?"

"More than this, your measures are fully equal to his, and your system to error the palate with a glorious *Rhythm*, which even he never surpassed; permit us, therefore, (in humble imitation of King James knighting a Loin) to hail you as a Restaurateur worthy of a *Purley* if not a *Laurel crown*!"

Here our vocal energy stopped—but we determined to cringe our grateful satisfaction by this "first-rate notice." We are the victims in this country of so much bad cooking, that *Tenneson* really deserves a *Gastronomic Ode*, failing which, we offer this prose poem. And we would recommend to all who pay hurried visits to Alexandria to give him a call. When they have partaken of his food fit for a "Prince," and dishes "dainty" enough for a "King," they will agree that we have given him no "Maud" in praise—but that, as his *Cousin Arthur* says,

"He looks so like the common breed, That with the napskins daily;

He must have come, like Ganymede, From some delicious valley."

If any of our readers are disposed to criticize the nature and length of our article, we have only to say that we are too neglectful of Pectics in this country, and too frequently forget that we have

"Intellects, whose use Depends so much upon the Gastric Juice."

We may further plead the example of *La Liberté*, whose rapid and brilliant success as a newspaper is due mainly to those "skeleton dinners" published in it daily from the artistic hand of Baron de Brisse, and which make half the mouths in Paris water. If in that land of coeks, they pay homage to a *skeleton dinner*, how much more ought we to admire the full-bodied repasts of *Tenneson*!

MARYLAND GOLD MINES.—The National Gold Mining Company of Montgomery county, Md., was organized yesterday, with a capital of \$500,000, General J. W. Denver president, Capt. John Frazier secretary. The lands of the company are situated near Great Falls, and gold-bearing quartz exists in great abundance. Persons who have had experience in gold mining in California and Arizona pronounce the Potomac quartz equal to any they have seen in the gold-bearing regions of the West. The Maryland Mining Company, adjoining the above, at their mill, week before last, obtained seven pounds of gold from twenty tons of quartz. —*Washington Chronicle*

FOR THE TEETH.—An exchange says, Dissolve two ounces of borax in three pounds of boiling water, and before it is cold add one teaspoonful of spirits of camphor and bottle for use. A tablespoonful of this mixture, mixed with an equal quantity of tepid water, and applied daily with a soft toothbrush, preserves and beautifies the teeth, extirpates all tartarous adhesion, arrests decay, induces a healthy action of the gums, and makes the teeth pearly white.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

REV. WM. FREY, from Washington, will preach in German, at the First Presbyterian Church, on Fairfax street, between Duke and Wolfe, on Sunday next, at 2 p. m. de 6-3t

RISTORI—WASHINGTON AND ALEXANDRIA BOATS.—A special boat will leave the Ferry Company's Wharf at 6 o'clock p. m., to convey passengers to Washington, and will return after the performance on the nights of Ristori's engagement at the National Theatre. Street cars will be in waiting at the junction of Seventh street and Pennsylvania avenue. Round trip tickets fifty cents. de 2-5t

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS.—There will be a discount of 35 per cent allowed on all tax-bills paid in current funds to the Corporation of Alexandria, up to the 1st day of January 1877; after that date the collectors will proceed to recover the same in the manner prescribed by law, viz: distraint.

WESLEY AVERY, JAMES FOSSETT, Collectors.

SPECIAL NOTICE.—A copy of the *Mexican Times*, containing an article upon the Hacienda of San Lorenzo, was lost from this office during the current month. Its return will be thankfully accepted. nov 30-

SPECIAL NOTICE.—Notice is hereby given, that all articles of clothing remaining in my Dyeing Establishment, on the first day of January, 1877, which have been there uncalled for over three months, will be sold on that day to pay expenses. Persons interested will please notice this, as I will not be held responsible after that time. A. D. WARFIELD. nov 10-tf

NEW CITRUS FRUITS: RAISINS AND CURRANTS! Also, a large assortment of Refined and Brown SUGARS, and every thing else in the Grocery line suitable for the Holidays. F. RECKER, de 6-2w Corner King and St. A. sph sts.

NOTICE.

Having made arrangements to commence a Manufacturing Business, I now offer my stock of Ready-made Clothing, and Gentlemen's Furnishing Goods, at and below cost, to close business. Call and see for yourself, at No. 10, North Royal street.

N. B.—All those indebted to me are requested to settle at once. sep 27-3m 1st

SWEET CIDER, for sale by J. C. MILBURN. de 4-

AMUSEMENTS.
WALL'S NEW OPERA HOUSE.
ON THURSDAY, DEC. 6, 1876.
Will be presented a dramatization of *Reade's* powerful novel, *GRIFITH GAUNT*, With MISS ROSE EYTINGE, and MR. JOHN MORTIMER, in their ORIGINAL ROLES OF CATHARINE PEYTON AND GRIFITH GAUNT, and a carefully selected cast from the New York Combination Company.

The play will be produced under the personal supervision of the author, Augustus Daly.

Doors open at seven. The performance will commence at eight.

PRICES OF ADMISSION: Private Boxes, \$5; Orchestra Seats, \$1; Dress Circle, 75 cts; Family Circle, 50 cts; Colored Circle, 50 cts.

NATIONAL THEATRE, (LATE GUYON'S), near Willard's Hotel, PENNSYLVANIA ST., WASHINGTON, D. C.

RISTORI.

SPALDING & RAPLEY, Proprietors

J. GRAU, DIRECTOR.

ENGAGEMENT OF FIVE NIGHTS ONLY.

THURSDAY EVENING, DEC. 6,

THIRD APPEARANCE

OF MADAME ADELAIDE RISTORI,

AND ONLY ONE OF

ELIZABETH, QUEEN OF ENGLAND.

FRIDAY, Last Night but one,

MADAME.

SCALE OF PRICES:

Orchestra Chairs, Parquette and Dress

Circle, including Reserved Seats - - - \$2

General Admission - - - - - 1-50

Gallery - - - - - 75

Box sheet at office of Theatre, from 9 a. m., to 5 p. m., where single seats may be secured. [2t

NATIONAL THEATRE,

RE-ENGAGEMENT OF

MR. JEFFERSON.

Owing to the continued demand for reserved seats, and to accommodate those who were unable to secure places during the late brief engagement of Mr. Jefferson, just closed, the management are happy to inform the public that they have succeeded in securing his valuable services on his return from Baltimore.

RE-OPENING ON MONDAY, DEC. 10,

As Dr. Ollapod, in the Poor Gentleman; and

Digory, in the Spectre Bridgroom.

Sale of Reserved Seats will commence to-morrow at the Box Office. de 5-4t

LADIES FAIR FOR THE BENEFIT

OF SAREPTA LODGE NO. 1, O. O. F.

AND MOUNT VERNON DIVISION, I. O. O. F.

20, SONS OF TEMPERANCE.—A fair will be held by the ladies, at the Asseby Rooms, over Wimer & Slavemaker's Dry Goods Store, commencing on MONDAY EVENING, Dec. 2d, 1876, and continuing until December 10th.

The proceeds of the fair are to be devoted to the procuring of necessary furniture for the rooms, &c., of Sarepta Lodge, No. 46, I. O. O. F., and Mount Vernon Division, No. 20, S. of T.

Price of Admission 10 cts. Season tickets 50 cents. de 1-

CONCERT.—The Freedmen's Choir, attached to the Third Baptist Church, corner of Princess and Patrick streets, will give a concert at the Church (Wednesday) evening for the benefit of the Church. Doors open at 7 o'clock; exercises to commence at 8 o'clock. Admission ten cents. de 4-2t

RISTORI.

TICKET OFFICE for single night sales removed to the Box Office of the National Theatre.

LIBERTY HALL!

THURSDAY EVENING DECEMBER 6,

BENEFIT OF THE ORPHAN ASYLUM!

LECTURE BY

OLIVER P. BALDWIN, Esq.,

OF RICHMOND, VA.

Doors open at 7 o'clock. de 5-

CONSTABLE'S SALE.

Will be sold, on SATURDAY, the 8th inst., at 10 o'clock a. m., at Ladd's Steam Mill Wharf, at the foot of Queen street, the *L O N G B A T* WAYMARK, the property of James Beard, to satisfy an execution in his hands in favor of A. C. Turner, of said debt.

de 5-2t S. N. CHIPLEY, A. C. C.

FLORENCE SILKS! FLORENCE SILKS!

Just received a further supply of FLORENCE SILKS, which will be sold at reduced prices.

de 5- CHAS. W. GREEN, No. 68, King street

BEADS! BEADS!

White, Black, Crystal, Colored and Gill BEADS.

Also, Beads assorted colors and sizes, just received and for sale by

CHAS. W. GREEN, No. 68, King street.

FOR RENT OR LEASE. The three story brick building, No. 19, Fairfax street—supplied with water and gas. For further particulars apply at No. 101, Prince st. de 5-out W. A. HARPER.

PRIME BUCKWHEAT FLOUR, for sale by

GWIN & BECKHAM, No. 6, Union st.

FOUND DRIFT.—On Friday, the 5th of November, was picked up in the Potomac river, opposite Alexandria, a *ROUND KEEL* BOAT, about fourteen feet long, and painted of a light blue color. The owner, by paying the necessary charges, can obtain possession of it. de 4-3t J. C. MILBURN.

HOUSEHOLD BLESSING.

UNION WASHING MACHINE

AND WRINGER,

constantly on hand and for sale by

THOMAS PERRY, Agent, No. 8, Prince st.

PICKLES.—One barrel Cucumbers, in brine, for sale by

THOMAS PERRY, No. 8, Prince street.

500 BUSHELS OATS.—For sale by

THOS. PERRY, No. 8, Prince st.

POTATOES.—150 bbls Peach Blow and Mercer Potatoes, for sale by

THOMAS PERRY, No. 8, Prince st.

FISHER'S UNVALUED MINE MEAT—received to-day, and for sale low, by

J. C. MILBURN. de 4-

50 BEES, "B" SUGAR.—For sale by

HOGE & WEDDERBURN, No. 2, Prince street.

1200 SACKS LIVERPOOL (assorted brands) FINE SALT, to arrive and for sale by

HOGE & WEDDERBURN, No. 2, Prince st.

1,000 SACKS GROUND ALUM SALT, from cargo now discharging, to arrive and for sale by

HOGE & WEDDERBURN, No. 2, Prince street.

1500 SACKS MARSHALL'S FINE SALT, of recent importation, to arrive and for sale by

HOGE & WEDDERBURN, No. 2, Prince street.

50 BLS. SAUL PLY EXTRA FLOUR, No. 8-1m

GREGORY & PAUL.

DRUGS, CHEM